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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patent  
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Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 7, 2006, for which a response was due September 7, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 7, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Claims 1-23 were presented for examination at filing. A Requirement for Restriction was issued, setting out two groups of claims and five species. In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-14) and Species 1 (Figs. 1-2, and 4), with traverse.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.